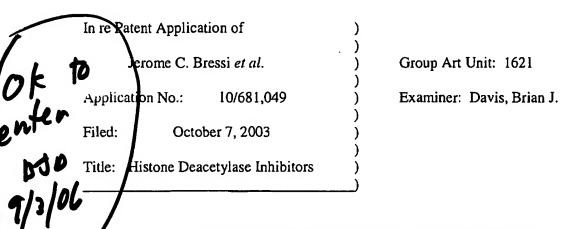
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action, mailed August 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following election and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that appear at pages 2 -25.

Remarks / Arguments begin at page 26.